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LAST WILL

AND

TESTAMENT

OF

JONATHAN SWIFT, D. D. *K*

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And in particular to the**

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COOK,
FOOTMAN,
COACHMAN,
GROOM,
HOUSE-STEWARD,
and
LAND-STEWARD,**

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THE
LAST WILL
OF
Dr. SWIFT.

IN the Name of God, *Amen.*
I JONATHAN SWIFT, Doctor
in Divinity, and Dean of the
Cathedral Church of *St. Patrick,*
Dublin, being at this Present of
sound Mind, although weak in
Body, do here make my last Will
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and Testament, hereby revoking all my former Wills.

Imprimis, I bequeath my Soul to God, (in humble Hopes of his Mercy through *Jesus Christ*) and my Body to the Earth. And I desire that my Body may be buried in the great Isle of the said Cathedral, on the South Side, under the Pillar next to the Monument of Primate *Narcissus Marsh*, three Days after my Decease, as privately as possible, and at Twelve o'Clock at Night: And, that a Black Marble of Feet square, and seven Feet from the Ground, fixed to the Wall, may be erected, with the following Inscription in large Letters, deeply cut, and strongly gilded.

HIC DEPOSITUM EST CORPUS
 JONATHAN SWIFT, S. T. P.
 HUIUS ECCLESIAE CATHEDRALIS
 DEGANI,

UBI SÆVA INDIGNATIO
 ULTERIUS COR LACERARE NE-
 QUIT.

ABI, VIATOR,
 ET IMITARE, SI POTERIS,
 STRENUUM PRO VIRILI LIBER-
 TATIS VINDICEM.*

OBIIT ANNO [MDCCXLV.]
 MENSIS [OCTOBRIS] DIE [19.]
 ÆTATIS ANNO [LXXVIII.]

Item: I give and bequeath to
 my Executors all my worldly Sub-
 stance, of what Nature or Kind
 soever (excepting such Part thereof
 as is herein after particularly de-
 vised) for the following Uses and
 Purposes, that is to say, to the

* In the *Irish* Edit. it is VINDICATOREM.
 But not so, I imagine, from the Dean's Hand,

Intent that they, or the Survivors or Survivor of them, his Executors, or Administrators, as soon as conveniently may be after my Death, shall turn it all into ready Money, and lay out the same in purchasing Lands of Inheritance in Fee-simple, situate in any Province of *Ireland*, except *Connought*, but as near to the City of *Dublin*, as conveniently can be found, and not incumbered with, or subject to any Leases for Lives renewable, or any Terms for Years longer than Thirty-one: And I desire that a yearly Annuity of Twenty Pounds *Sterling*, out of the annual Profits of such Lands when purchased, and out of the yearly Income of my said Fortune, devised to my Executors as aforesaid, until such Purchase shall be made, shall be paid to *Rebecca Dingley* of the City of *Dublin*,
Spinster,

Spinster, during her Life, by two equal half-yearly Payments, on the Feasts of *All-Saints*, and St. *Philip* and St. *Jacob*, the first Payment to be made on such of the said Feasts as shall happen next after my Death. And that the Residue of the yearly Profits of the said Lands when purchased, and until such Purchase be made, the Residue of the yearly Income and, Interest of my said Fortune devised as aforesaid to my Executors, shall be laid out in purchasing a Piece of Land, situate near Dr. *Stevens's* Hospital, or, if it cannot be there had, somewhere in or near the City of *Dublin*, large enough for the Purposes herein after mentioned, and in building thereon an Hospital large enough for the Reception of as many Idiots and Lunaticks as the annual

annual Income of the said Lands and worldly Substance shall be sufficient to maintain: And, I desire that the said Hospital may be called ST. PATRICK'S HOSPITAL, and may be built in such a Manner, that another Building may be added unto it, in case the Endowment thereof should be enlarged; so that the additional Building may make the whole Edifice regular and complete. And my further Will and Desire is, that when the said Hospital shall be built, the whole yearly Income of the said Lands and Estate, shall, for ever after, be laid out in providing Victuals, Cloathing, Medicines, Attendance, and all other Necessaries for such Idiots and Lunaticks, as shall be received into the same: and in repairing and enlarging the Building,

ing, from Time to Time, as there may be Occasion; and if a sufficient Number of Idiots and Lunaticks cannot readily be found, I desire that Incurables may be taken into the said Hospital to supply such Deficiency: But that no Person shall be admitted into it, that labours under any infectious Disease: And that all such Idiots, Lunaticks and Incurables as shall be received into the said Hospital, shall constantly live and reside therein, as well in the Night as in the Day; and that the Salaries of Agents, Receivers, Officers, Servants, and Attendants, to be employed in the Business of the said Hospital, shall not in the whole exceed one fifth Part of the clear yearly Income, or Revenue thereof. And, I further desire that my Executors, the Survivors
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or Survivor of them, or the Heirs of such, shall not have Power to demise any Part of the said Lands so to be purchased as aforesaid, but with Consent of the Lord Primate, the Lord High Chancellor, the Lord Archbishop of *Dublin*, the Dean of *Christ-Church*, the Dean of *St. Patrick's*, the Physician to the State, and the Surgeon-General, all for the Time being, or the greater Part of them, under their Hands in Writing; and that no Leases of any Part of the said Lands, shall ever be made other than Leases for Years not exceeding Thirty-one, in Possession, and not in Reversion or Remainder, and not dispunishable of Waste, whereon shall be reserved the best and most improved Rents, that can reasonably and moderately, without racking the
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the Tenants, be gotten for the same, without Fine. Provided always, and it is my Will and earnest Desire, that no Lease of any Part of the said Lands so to be purchased as aforesaid, shall ever be made to, or in Trust for any Person any way concerned in the Execution of this Trust, or to, or in Trust for any Person any way related or allied, either by Consanguinity or Affinity, to any of the Persons who shall at that Time be concerned in the Execution of this Trust: And, that if any Leases shall happen to be made contrary to my Intention above expressed, the same shall be utterly void and of no effect. And I further desire, until the Charter herein after mentioned be obtained, my Executors, or the Survivors or Survivor of them, his Heirs,

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Executors, or Administrators, shall not act in the Execution of this Trust, but with the Consent and Approbation of the said seven additional Trustees, or the greater Part of them, under their Hands in Writing, and shall, with such Consent and Approbation as aforesaid, have Power from time to time to make Rules, Orders, and Regulations for the Government and Direction of the said Hospital. And, and I make it my Request to my said Executors, that they may in convenient Time apply to his Majesty for a Charter to incorporate them, or such of them as shall be then living, and the said additional Trustees, for the better Management and Conduct of this Charity, with a Power to purchase Lands; and to supply by Election such Vacancies happening in the
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Corporation, as shall not be supplied by Succession, and such other Powers as may be thought expedient for the due Execution of this Trust, according to my Intention herein before expressed. And when such Charter shall be obtained, I desire that my Executors, or the Survivors or Survivor of them, or the Heirs of such Survivor, may convey, to the Use of such Corporation in Fee-simple for the Purposes aforesaid, all such Lands and Tenements, as shall be purchased in manner above mentioned. Provided always, and it is my Will and Intention, that my Executors, until the said Charter, and afterwards the Corporation to be hereby incorporated, shall, out of the yearly Profits of the said Lands when purchased, and out of the yearly Income of my said

Fortune devised to my Executors as aforefaid, until fuch Purchase be made, have Power to reimburse themselves for all fuch Sums of their own Money, as they fhall neceffarily expend in the Execution of this Trust. And that until the faid Charter be obtained, all Acts which fhall at any Time be done in Execution of this Trust by the greater Part of my Executors then living, with the Consent of the greater Part of the faid additional Trustees under their Hands in Writing, fhall be as valid and effectual, as if all my Executors had concurred in the fame.

Item: Whereas I purchafed the Inheritance of the Tythes of the Parifh of *Effernock* near *Trim* in the County of *Meath*, for Two Hundred and Sixty Pounds *Sterling*;

ling; I bequeath the said Tythes to the Vicars of *Laracor* for the Time being, that is to say, so long as the present Episcopal Religion shall continue to be the National Established Faith and Profession in this Kingdom: But whenever any other Form of Christian Religion shall become the Established Faith in this Kingdom, I leave the said Tythes of *Effernock* to be bestowed, as the Profits come in, to the Poor of the said Parish of *Laracor*, by a weekly Proportion, and by such Officers as may then have the Power of distributing Charities to the Poor of the said Parish, while Christianity under any Shape shall be tolerated among us, still excepting professed *Jews*, *Atheists*, and *Infidels*.

Item:

Item: Whereas I have some Leases of certain Houses in St. *Kevin's-street*, near the Deanry-House, built upon the Dean's Ground, and one other House now inhabited by **Henry Land*, in *Deanry-lane* alias *Mitre-alley*, some of which Leases are let for forty-one Years, or forty at least, and not yet half expired, I bequeath to Mrs. *Martha White-way* my Lease or Leases of the said Houses. I also bequeath to the said *Martha*, my Lease of forty Years of *Goodman's* Holding, for which I receive Ten Pounds *per Annum*; which are two Houses, or more lately built. I bequeath also to the said *Martha*, the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds *Sterling*, to be paid her by my Executors

* Sexton of St. *Patrick's* Cathedral.

out of my ready Money, or Bank Bills, immediately after my Death, as soon as the Executors meet. I leave, moreover, to the said *Martha*, my repeating Gold Watch, my yellow Tortoise Shell Snuff Box, and her Choice of four Gold Rings, out of seven which I now possess.

Item: I bequeath to Mrs. *Mary Swift* alias *Harrison*, Daughter of the said *Martha*, my plain Gold Watch made by *Quare*; to whom also I give my *Japan* Writing Desk, bestowed to me by my Lady *Worsley*, my square Tortoise Shell Snuff Box, richly lined and inlaid with Gold, given to me by the Right Honourable *Henrietta* now Countess of *Oxford*, and the Seal with a *Pegasus*, given to me by the Countess of *Granville*.

Item:

Item: I bequeath to Mr. *Ffolliott Whiteway*, eldest Son of the
aforesaid *Martha*, who is bred to
be an Attorney, the Sum of Sixty
Pounds; as also Five Pounds to be
laid out in the Purchase of such
Law Books as the Honourable Mr.
Justice *Lyndsay*, Mr. * *Stannard*,
or Mr. *M^cAullay* shall judge proper
for him,

Item: I bequeath to Mr. *John
Whiteway*, youngest Son of the
said *Martha*, who is to be brought
up a Surgeon, the Sum of One
Hundred Pounds, in order to qua-
lify him for a Surgeon, but under
the Direction of his Mother; which

* *Eaton Stannard*, Esq; Recorder of the
City of Dublin.

— *Alexander M^cAullay*, Esq; Counsellor at
Law, and made Judge of the Consistorial
Court, Nov. 1745.

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said Sum of one Hundred Pounds is to be paid to Mrs. *Whiteway*, in Behalf of her said Son *John*, out of the Arrears which shall be due to me from my Church Livings (except those of the Deanry Tythes, which are now let to the Reverend Doctor *Wilson*) as soon as the said Arrears can be paid to my Executors. I also leave the said *John* Five Pounds to be laid out in buying such Physical or Chirurgical Books as Doctor *Grav-*
ton and Mr. * *Nichols* shall think fit for him.

Item: I bequeath to Mrs. † *Anne Ridgeway*, now in my Family, the Profits of the Lease of two Houses let to *John Cowley* for forty Years,

* *John Nichols*, Esq; Surgeon-General.

† Daughter to Mrs. *Brent*, and who for many Years had been the Dean's faithful, domestick Friend.

of which only eight or nine are expired, for which the said *Cowmly* payeth me Nine Pounds *Sterling* for Rent yearly. I also bequeath to the said *Anne*, the Sum of One Hundred Pounds *Sterling*, to be paid her by my Executors, in six Weeks after my Decease, out of whatever Money or Bank Bills I may possess when I die. As also three Gold Rings, the Remainder of the seven above mentioned, after Mrs. *Whiteway* hath made her Choice of four; and all my small Pieces of Plate, not exceeding in Weight one Ounce, and one third Part of an Ounce.

Item: I bequeath to my dearest Friend *Alexander Pope* of *Twittenham*, Esq; my Picture in Miniature, drawn by *Zinck*, of *Robert* late Earl of *Oxford*.

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Item: I leave to *Edward* now Earl of *Oxford*, my Seal of *Julius Caesar*, as also another Seal, supposed to be a young *Hercules*, both very choice Antiques, and set in Gold: Both which I chuse to bestow to the said Earl, because they belonged to her late Most Excellent Majesty Queen *Anne*, of ever Glorious, Immortal, and truly Pious Memory, the real nursing Mother of all her Kingdoms.

Item: I leave to the Reverend Mr. *James Stopford*, Vicar of *Finglass*, my Picture of King *Charles* the First, drawn by *Vandike*, which was given to me by the said *James*; as also my large Picture of Birds, which was given to me by *Thomas* Earl of *Pembroke*.

Item: I bequeath to the Reverend
Mr.

Mr. Robert Grattan, Prebendary of St. Andrew's, my Gold Bottle Screw, which he gave me, and my strong Box, on Condition of his giving the sole Use of the said Box to his Brother Dr. James Grattan, during the Life of the said Doctor, who hath more Occasion for it, and the second best Beaver Hat I shall die possessed of.

Item: I bequeath to Mr. John Grattan, Prebendary of Clonmel, my Silver Box in which the Freedom of the City of Cork was presented to me; in which I desire the said John to keep the Tobacco he usually cheweth, called Pigtail.

Item: I bequeath all my Horses and Mares to the Reverend Mr. John Jackson, Vicar of Sontry, together with all my Horse Furniture: Lamenting that I had not
Credit

Credit enough with any chief Governor (since the Change of Times) to get some additional Church Preferment for so virtuous and worthy a Gentleman. I also leave him my third best Beaver Hat.

Item: I bequeath to the Reverend Doctor *Francis Wilson*, the Works of *Plato* in three Folio Volumes, the Earl of *Clarendon's* History in three Folio Volumes, and my best Bible; together with thirteen small *Persian* Pictures in the Drawing Room, and the small Silver Tankard given to me by the Contribution of some Friends, whose Names are engraved at the Bottom of the said Tankard.

Item: I bequeath to the Earl of *Orrery* the enamelled Silver Plates to distinguish Bottles of Wine by, given to me by his excellent Lady,

Lady, and the Half-length Picture of the late Countess of *Orkney* in the Drawing Room.

Item: I bequeath to *Alexander M^cAullay*, Esq; the Gold Box in which the Freedom of the City of *Dublin* was presented to me, as a Testimony of the Esteem and Love I have for him, on Account of his great Learning, fine natural Parts, unaffected Piety and Benevolence, and his truly honourable Zeal in Defence of the legal Rights of the Clergy, in Opposition to all their unprovoked Oppressors.

Item: I bequeath to *Deane Swift* Esq; my large Silver Standish, consisting of a large Silver Plate, an Ink Pot, a Sand Box and a Bell of the same Mettal.

Item:

Item: I bequeath to Mrs. *Mary Barber* the Medal of Queen *Anne* and Prince *George*, which she formerly gave me.

Item: I leave to the Reverend Mr. * *John Worral* my best Beaver Hat.

Item: I bequeath to the Reverend Doctor *Patrick Delany* my Medal of Queen *Anne* in Silver, and on the Reverse the Bishops of *England* kneeling before her Most Sacred Majesty.

Item: I bequeath to the Reverend Mr. *James King*, Prebendary of *Tipper*, my large gilded Medal of King *Charles* the First, and on

* Vicar to the Dean of *Christ-Church*, and
and Master of both Choirs.

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the Reverse a Crown of Martyrdom, with other Devices. My Will, nevertheless, is, that if any of the above named Legatees should die before me, that then, and in that Case, the respective Legacies to them bequeathed, shall revert to myself, and become again subject to my Disposal.

Item : Whereas I have the Lease of a Field in Trust for me, commonly called the *Vineyard*, let to the Reverend Doctor *Francis Corbet*, and the Trust declared by the said Doctor; the said Field, with some Land on this Side of the Road, making in all about three Acres, for which I pay yearly to the Dean and Chapter of *St. Patrick's* ***

Whereas I have built a strong Wall round the said Piece of Ground,

Ground, eight or nine Feet high,
 faced to the South Aspect with
 Brick, which cost me above Six
 Hundred Pounds *Sterling*: And
 likewise another Piece of Ground
 aforesaid, of half an Acre, ad-
 joining to the Burial Place called
The Cabbage-Garden, now tenanted
 by *William White*, Gardiner: My
 Will is, that the Ground inclosed
 by the great Wall, may be sold for
 the Remainder of the Lease, at
 the highest Price my Executors can
 get for it, in Behalf and Hopes,
 that the said Price will exceed
 Three Hundred Pounds at the
 lowest Value: For which my Suc-
 cessor in the Deanry shall have the
 first Refusal. And it is my earnest
 Desire, that the succeeding Deans
 and Chapters may preserve the said
Vineyard and Piece of Land ad-
 joining, where the said *White* now
 D liveth

Dean SWIFT's
LAST WILL.

**Taken out of the Prerogative Court,
*Dublin.***

[Price Six Pence.]

liveth, so as to be always in the Hands of the succeeding Deans during their Office, by each Dean lessening One Fourth of the Purchase Money to each succeeding Dean, and for no more than the present Rent.

And I appoint the Honourable *Robert Lyndsay*, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas; *Henry Singleton*, Esq; Prime-Sergeant to his Majesty; the Reverend Doctor *Patrick Delany*, Chancellor of St. Patrick's; the Reverend Doctor *Francis Wilson*, Prebendary of *Kilmacktolway*; *Eaton Stannard*, Esq; Recorder of the City of *Dublin*; the Reverend Mr. *Robert Grattan*, Prebendary of St. *Audeon's*; the Reverend Mr. *John Grattan*, Prebendary of *Clonmethan*; the Reverend Mr. *James Stopford*,

Stopford, Vicar of *Finglas*; the Reverend Mr. *James King*, Prebendary of *Tipper*; and *Alexander M^cAullay*, Esq; my Executors.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal, and published and declared this as my last Will and Testament, this Third Day of *May*, 1740.

JONATHAN SWIFT.

*Signed, sealed and published by
the above named Jonathan
Swift, in Presence of Us,
who have subscribed our
Names in his Presence,*

Jo. Wynne.
Jo. Rochfort.
William Dunkin.

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Witness, Vicar of Angles; the
Reverend Mr. James King, Pre-
bendary of Exeter; and Alexander
Atterbury, Esq; my Executors.

In Witness whereof, I have
hereunto set my Hand and Seal,
and published declared this as
my last Testament, this
Third day of May, 1740.



JONATHAN SWIFT.

Witness, Robert and Anthony
Swift, my Executors.
Swift, in presence of the
who were present and
witness in his Testament.

Attest
I, William Channing,
Clerk.

W. C.

